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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13 at line 29 as follows:

Preferably, vehicle-based transmitting unit 12 is positioned within the vehicle and comprises the same or substantially the same transmitting circuitry as the key fob associated with the door lock mechanism of the vehicle (or at least is operable to transmit the same signal as the key fob). The vehicle-based transmitting unit 12 may be actuated by a button or other user input within the vehicle, such as at an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle or at an accessory module or windshield electronics module or at a console or the like of the vehicle. Actuation of the button or input causes vehicle-based transmitting unit 12 to transmit the signal 13 to actuate actuating device 14. The same signal 13 may also be received by or communicated to a control box or circuitry 15, which is positioned in the vehicle and is operable to actuate the vehicle door lock mechanism to lock or unlock the doors of the vehicle in response to the signal 13. The control box or circuitry 15 may include a receiver for receiving the signal 13 from either the key fob or the vehicle-based transmitting unit 12. The vehicle-based receiver and/or control circuitry may be associated with other accessories of the vehicle, such as, for example, a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS), such as the types disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,294,989; 6,445,287; and/or 6,472,979; and U.S. pat. application, Ser. No. 10/206,495, filed Jul. 26, 2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,731,205 (Attorney Docket DON01 P-992), which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 23 at line 27 as follows:

The vehicle-based transmitting unit may be positioned at or within an interior rearview mirror assembly of the vehicle, or may be positioned at or within an accessory pod or module or windshield electronics module or the like, which may be positioned at or near or may be associated with the interior rearview mirror assembly, such as in an accessory module / windshield electronics module of the types disclosed in U.S. pat. applications, Ser. No.

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10/355,454, filed Jan. 31, 2003 by Schofield et al. for VEHICLE ACCESSORY MODULE, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,824,281 (Attorney Docket DON01 P-1050); and/or Ser. No. 09/793,002, filed Feb. 26, 2001, entitled VIDEO MIRROR SYSTEMS INCORPORATING AN ACCESSORY MODULE, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,690,268 (Attorney Docket DON01 P-869), and U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,250,148; 6,341,523; 6,593,565; and 6,326,613, which are all hereby incorporated herein by reference. Optionally, the vehicle-based transmitting unit may be positioned elsewhere in the vehicle, such as at an overhead console or at the instrument panel or at the steering wheel or the like, without affecting the scope of the present invention.